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A On Friday, 2 October 1953, between 3:30 and 4:12 P.M., the writer talked with [redacted] in his office at [redacted] at his request concerning [redacted] and the problems arising from [redacted] his work in connection with the ARTICHOKE problem.

A [redacted] stated he is "one the horns" of a complete dilemma. He pointed out that [redacted] has worked almost 100% of the time on the ARTICHOKE problem for the past few months and heretofore this has not cost him any particular embarrassment as he had other employees to carry out the work but now [redacted] states with the new budget and personnel ceilings, he has lost the services of two employees and that he has received specific instructions from his division concerning a number of problems which require absolute deadlines. [redacted] stated that to complete these projects he needs the services of [redacted] for someone who can carry out the work that should be done. [redacted] he stated that [redacted] services are outstanding in that he is a brilliant research man but he has for many months engaged in exhaustive research work connected with ARTICHOKE including the trip to [redacted] and the further work that resulted from this trip after his return. F

A [redacted] stated he in no way minimized the work of the ARTICHOKE project and he knew, of course, that much of the work of the ARTICHOKE project went across the board into many projects that his division is working on. He stated he felt that definitely ARTICHOKE required more research and that he was concerned in trying to find a way whereby the ARTICHOKE work and his division could both have the benefit of [redacted] ability and background.

A [redacted] proposed that consideration be given to something along the following lines. He stated that [redacted] had retired a number of years ago and was subsequently brought back to OSI. He stated [redacted] could retire at any time and there was no problem involved. He stated he had talked to [redacted] concerning the possible transfer of [redacted] to SO rolls and this subject had been turned down (possibly [redacted] on the basis that SO had no slot for a man of [redacted] position and salary.

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[redacted] In view of the following idea had occurred to him [redacted] Arrangements could be made for [redacted] to be kept in the Agency as a consultant to both OSI and Security, particularly the ARTICHOKE project. He stated that in that way so many days a week he could devote to OSI work and the rest of the time he could give fully to ARTICHOKE.

A He stated that in that way, it would give him a chance to bring another man in to fill the slot so occupied by [REDACTED] and would not encumber a slot in OSI or Security. The writer asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] has been made cognizant of these ideas and he stated emphatically that [REDACTED] had not been informed of these ideas since they were merely thoughts being expressed to the writer at this time.

A The writer assured [REDACTED] he would certainly not mention this matter to [REDACTED]. The writer then asked [REDACTED] whether or not [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] himself would support the idea of a consultant who would be used in connection with the ARTICHOKE work and whether they both would support [REDACTED] in a consultant capacity. [REDACTED] stated he would support [REDACTED] for such a consultant position and stated, furthermore, he was absolutely certain that [REDACTED] would also support [REDACTED] in this connection.

A The writer made it very clear to [REDACTED] that he could do nothing along these lines himself since it was a policy matter, but stated to [REDACTED] that he would not support anything that would affect [REDACTED] position unless it was with [REDACTED]'s consent.

A [REDACTED]